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SUBJ: ECE - SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY - SOVIET VIEWS EXPRESSED
DURING STANOVNIK VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: A) GENEVA 9986; B) GENEVA 9815

1. ECE BUREAU MET WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK DEC. 16
TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR 32ND SESSION. MISSION INFORMED BY
STANOVNIK'S SENIOR ADVISER (STILLMAN) RE STANOVNIK'S REMARKS
TO BUREAU RE SOVIET CONGRESSES PROPOSAL AND RELATED IDEAS
OF STANOVNIK HIMSELF.

2. REPORTING ON MOSCOW VISIT, STANOVNIK SAID SOVIETS
EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DESPITE CSCE NOTHING HAD REALLY CHANGED
IN ECE. SOVIETS SAID CONGRESSES COULD PLAY ROLE IN UPGRADING
ECE AND GIVE NEW "POLITICAL DIMENSION" OR "HIGH LEVEL THRUST"
TO CSCE FOLLOW-UP (WHICH MEETINGS WITHIN ECE OBVIOUSLY
COULD NOT DO). SOVIETS ADDED THAT ECE SHOULD NOT
BE USED AS PRETEXT FOR NOT MAKING SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS,
AND THAT WHILE THEY WERE AGAINST PROLIFERATION OF INTERNATIONAL
BODIES, THEY MIGHT HAVE TO SEEK OTHER FORA IF ECE
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DID NOT MEASURE UP. IN RESPONSE TO STANOVNIK QUERY
RE DECLINING LEVEL OF SOVIET REPRESENTATION AT SOME
ECE MEETINGS, SOVIETS SAID THIS DELIBERATE IN REACTION
TO DOWNGRADING OF DELEGATIONS BY WESTERN COUNTRIES.
RE LETTER WHICH STANOVNIK CARRIED FROM MOSCOW (REF A),
SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD HAVE MORE DEFINITIVE REPLY BEFORE

ECE 32ND SESSION (STILLMAN SPECULATED THAT IF SOVIETS FOLLOW PAST PERFORMANCE, FURTHER IDEAS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SESSION, GIVING WEST LITTLE TIME TO REACT.)

3. STILLMAN SAID STANOVNIK WOULD LIKE TO GIVE NEW "POLICY DIMENSION" TO ECE WORK. IN THIS REGARD, STANOVNIK ADVISED BUREAU THAT HE THINKING IN TERMS OF PROJECTS FOR "HIGHER LEVEL CONSIDERATION" IN AREAS OF INFORMATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND LAND USE (LATTER MIGHT BE CONSULTATIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY MEETING LEADING TO HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE). STILLMAN SAID THAT WHILE STAOVNIK'S IDEA CORRESPONDS SOMEWHAT TO SOVIET PROPOSAL, STANOVNIK DID NOT WISH IT TO BE SEEN AS RESPONSE THERETO. (MISSION NOTES THAT IT ALSO CORRESPONDS TO IDEA PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED BY STANOVNIK THAT ROLE OF CONGRESSES MIGHT BE TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS ON WHICH ECE HAS DONE PRELIMINARY WORK (FEASIBILITY STUDIES, ETC.,) AND WHICH NOW REQUIRE HIGH LEVEL POLICY DECISION.) CATTO

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